BROCKWAY CENTRE.

Another Artic expedition is announced. the results of which, if successful, can scarcely full to be of considerable scientific and historical interest. Its o jective point is that great blank triangle with serrate edges that on our maps is labelle ! Greenland, but which the explorer Da is declared should be called the land of desolation, and which Professor Norden k old, had named the Northern Sahara. The expedition has been equipped at Christiania. Norway, and will set out at once from Copenhagen, under the leadership of Mr. Nansen, the curator of the famous museum at Bergen. A landing will be made on the barren and furbidden astern coast, and thenceforth the watch and of the company will be, "Across the continent or die." At best it will be an arduous and perilous task to traverse on foot 700 miles of eternal snow and ice. Nor is there much in the history of Creenlandic adventure to encourage these hardy voyagers. The interior of this vast continent is yet an unknown land. Indeed it may not be a continent at all, but an archipelago wh se straits are perpetually ice-locked. Prof. Nordenskjold, at the extreme point reached by him in 1883. saw two ravens flying northward, and from this was led to believe that an open sea existed in that direction; and he also thought it probable that the interior of Greenland was for hundreds of miles free from snow in the summer time and clad with primeval forests. General Creely also been quoted as a supporter of this theory. The more general and reasonable belief is that an unbroken and nearly level plain of snow extends from sca to Not only will the truth or fai-ity of these theories be determined by the success of Mr. Nansen's expedition. It it may be that further traces of the Vilk- large rabbit. ings will come to light, like the Runle inscriptions found in 1824 near Upernavik. Certainly there will be much to add to the world's stock of knowledge concerning the Arctic regions in the notebooks of the scientists who shall make their way through the heart of this white

in Mr. Gladstone's character, says the Star of London, is the method and exactitude which he brings to bear on his cally work. This is the great secret which enables him to get through an amount of work which would frighten ten ordinary men. It is owing to the posession of this lams, and William and Mary's. quality that he sable, in the midst of his arduous parliamentary toll, to write articles treating of such diverse subjects as the poems of Homer, the early Christian fathers and modern theology. As a trifling instance of Mr. Gladstone's curious habi's of precision, it may be mentioned that he rarely opens a parcel without untyingnot cutting-the string, tying it carefully up and putting it away for future use in a a tract of land near Chico, Cal., with the indrawer which he reserves for the purpose. His papers and documents are also kept in scrupulous order by himself, so that he can lay his hand on any one of them at a moment's notice. It is to this habit of doing so much of his work for himself that the mastery of detail, which Mr. Gladstone shows on every subject with which he fore." grapples, is in a great measure due.

the Me hodist General Conference held clous. recently in New York is Sia-Seh-Ong, presiding elder of the church in China. Clad in an Oriental garb of black silk, he sat near the middle of the fifth row on the right and manifests deep interest in great part un ntelligle to him, for he does not understand English. He is a little man of 40 perhaps, and wears a mustaclic Speaker, and when he has completed it that is slightly tinged with gray. His conversion to christianity is said to have been brought about by his own reasoning. He is a very persuasive talker among his own people, and the small beginning he made in mission work prospered until the church in China became self-supporting, largely through his efforts.

Mr. Ashton Smith is commemorating Queen Victoria's jubilee in a remarkable manner. He has caused to be planted on said be, "I am always cold and would like the slopes of Moel Rhiwen mountain, Wales, a plantation composed of several thousand trees. Nearly 200 men have been constantly employed since the jubilee in planting the trees, which will be so arranged as to represent the wo ds "Jubilee, 1888." Each letter measures 200 yards long and twenty-five wide. The first tree of the letter J was planted on jubilee day.

The Butcher's National Protective Association will hold its annual convention in Philadelphia on the 22d inst. An interesting feature of the convention will be a grand barbecue, at which fifty steers and one hundred Southdown sheep will be roasted under the direction of the celebrated barbecuist, Mr. Wade. There will be four ditches, each fifty feet long, four feet deep and twelve feet wide. Sixty cords of wood and 450 pounds of butter for basting will be used.

The Salvation Army has a dangerous rival in the person of a Scandinavian woman who has been leading a religious revival at Menominee, Mich., for a month past. Her preaching has driven eight persons insane. The Salvationists should capture this promising exhorter and give her the rank of Major-General.

In India the finest grades of eigars can be bought for half a cent aplece, and cigars are considered rather an expensive luxury at that. In that country a man who has 10 cepts is looked upon as onite well-to-do.

NULL AND VOID.

The supreme court.

The supreme court has unanimously declared the local option law unconstitutional. The ground upon which this decision is reached is very simple, viz: the law is a direct violation of article 4, section 20, of the constitution, although other points are touched upon, incidentally.

The article of the constitution violated provides that no law shall embrace more

provides that no law shall embrace more than one object, which shall be embodied in its title. The local option law is entitled "An act to regulate the manufacture and sale of liquor,' which is not at all what the

The court also says the law requires the county clerk to call a special election upon the petition of one-fifth of the lawful voters the petition of one-fifth of the lawful voters of the county, but it does not provide a way by which the clork may know whether the petitioners are lawful voters. Neither is there a provision that the petitions are to be preserved by the clerk, although they are the foundation for the suspension of the general law of the state.

The law also says the ballots shall be cast and counted are the country.

and counted and returned to the county clerk according to the law by which county officers are elected. This is a lame provision, and it is aggravated by the fact that there is no provision for a board of canvassers. the promulgation of the result of a

The opinion was written by Justice Champlin, and three fourths of it is devoted to the violated article of the constitution. The other defects might have been vital, but this one makes it certain that the law is totally

FACT AND FANCY.

Mrs. Folsome is enjoying life in Paris. Bismarck will be seventy-three years old

A man in Atlantic City makes good wine from tomatoes. Baltimore talks of erecting a monumental

statue of Johns Hopkins. Green's "Short History of England" has reached a sale of 130,000 copies.

A capitalist has offered to build Kiralfy a spectacular theater in New York. Miss Booth, of Harper's Bazar, is said to earn \$13,000 a year, including her salary of

The bodies of Schubert and Beethoven are to be removed presently to the new cemetery at Vienna.

Arthur Schleman, of Sanford, Fla., killed a rattlesnake the other day and found in it a Mrs. Garret Anderson, the leading woman

physician of England, makes an income of \$50,000 a year. It is thought that the opening of the Sioux

Reservation will inaugurate a lively boom in Southern Dakota. Prof. Swing has said the briefest thing on

"Christian Science": "It is not Christian, and it is not science." Miss Fellows, the Dakota girl who has de-One of the most strongly marked traits termined to marre an Indian, still adheres

immovably to that intention. Rev. Dr. Fewsmith, of Newark, N. J., may be interested to know that there is a man in

Montana named Manysmith. Senator Hoar has received the degree of LL D. from Harvard, Amherst, Yale, Will-

Andrew Carnegie denies that he is to give \$1,000,000 to establish a polytechnic school

at Pittsburg equal to the one at Boston. The autobiography of Garibaldi will not appear in book form until it has undergone

serial publication in Harper's Magazine. Miss Grace Arlie, a white girl, of Toledo had tenhold fever and when she recovered

her skin was as black as that of a negro. St. John, the Prohibitionist, has purchased tention of making it his permanent home.

The first slave labor within the present limits of the United States was that employed at the founding of St. Augustine in

At the Queen's first drawing-room this year "more high bodices were wo n by special permission than had ever been observed be-

A mushroom was recently cooked Santa Barbara, Cal., that messured eight One of the most picturesque figures in linches in diameter. It was said to be dell-

The total value of glass products imported into the United States in 1887 was \$7.684. 051, against \$6,757,108 worth imported in 1885.

The swords in the possession of Mrs. the proceedings, although they are in James Stields, are to be purchased by Cou-Shields, belonging to her late husband, tren. gress for \$10,000.

Mr. Carlisle is now in his third term as Kentucky will have had the Speakership twenty-three years.

The average time of 3,000 New York bustness men at their down-town luncheon is eight minutes. This is a matter of record in a leading restaurant.

Senator Dawes, of Massachusetts, is past seventy, and his health is breaking down. He name of the artist to whom his praises has spent more than thirty years in the two belonged. Houses of Congress.

A San Francisco suicide left a note requesting that his body be not put on ice, "for," once to get warm."

By the will of Prof. Asa Gray, of Cambridge, all his copyrights of books, his portraits of botanical subjects are presented to the Herbarium of Harvard College.

Mrs. John W. Mackay's gift to the Prince and Princess of Wales, on the occasion of their silver wedding, is a tollet mirror heavily mounted and embossed in silver.

Louisa, the mother of the dead Kaiser, wrote in 1808: "Our son William will turn out, if I am not much mistaken, like his

father, simple, honest and intelligent" Henry Wick, who recently took charge of the plant of the Warren Rolling Mill Company, at Warren, O., will expend about \$30,-000 in putting the works in shape to run.

Henry Clay is the only man who sat more than eight years in the Speaker's chair. presided over the House for twelve years, and he was elected Speaker at the age of thirty-

A check for \$2,000,000, drawn on a national bank in Sheffield, Ala., recently passed be-tween two merchants of that place. It was probably the largest check ever drawn in the

A notable event in the history of the University of Michigan 'is the election of Dr. Hattle Allen, of Waterloo, Ia., to fill the position of Assistant Professor of Medicine in

Oliver Lay's portrait of Edwin Booth upon which he has been long engaged, is now on exhibition at Richard's Gallery, in New York. It shows the actor as "Hamlet" seated in the sollloquy scene.

New York retail merchants find the dogs, which are led by chains by fashionable women, such a nuisance in their stores that many have put up a gilt sign reading: "Dogs are not admitted here unless in arms."

HOW BABY LEARNS TO TALK.

The Development of the Language Faculty in Children.

Exceedingly interesting is the process of language development in the babe. No study in anthropology is more fertile. The babe's first cries are purely instinctive and therefore purely animal. Its consonants are m and b. labials and llquids-used with the open vowels. It does not use the genial tubercle; now for many weeks the frontal bone. Its second list of sounds move farther back, and are g. goo, gutturals of the simplest sort. This g sound, with its natural associate I, becomes the wellknown basis of all primitive languages -the clicking or glicking of Amos and Hottentots. Next observe the babe as it watches your mouth and lanchs at your cooing and your baby talk. It finall, sets its own articulating organs ie motion and imitates you.

The consequence soon is simple use of the frontal bone and the genial tubercle. The goo-goo is followed by ehch and che-che, and soon after by moduuse of truly human organs, but the first celebrated sounds, as distinet from instinctive and inherited utterances. The steps toward a highly complex cerebrated language are thereafter rapidly taken.

We have to bear in mind that the babe organically follows historic evolut on, and is an epitome of past progress. So also in his speech he moves on and on, over the pathway of the past, and reviews it all. An intelligent child expresses approbation and disapprobation by the same sounds that are used by adult monkeys. The savage hardy uses cerebrated sounds at all.

The refinement of languages has ever consisted in eliminating the animal inher tance. The child's use of them. His play is at first purely and tion on ovember ". mal frolie, rejoicing in shouts and shricks that later he does not find necessary to his enjoyment. His laughing and crying can only be understood as a language, as they surely are also in adults. The evolution of laughter would be a delightful branch of our topic, but a theme too much by itself. It is enough to note in passing, that not only do animals laugh, but they smile. Laughter is even not uncommon among fowls. I have owned a cock that had a most distinct caechinnation .- E. P. Powell.

Unlucky Enthusiasm.

Undeserved praise is sometimes very embarrassing, and quite as much so for the giver as for the recipient. One feels slightly foolish after commending a man for a work done by some one else. Mr. Frith, the English artist, tells the following anecdote:

In the same exhibition with my 'Vicar of Wakefield" and "John Knox' was another subject from the "Vicar" and another "John Knox." The following summer I was one day sketching, when a gentleman and a lady came up to look at my work, the tormer saying. In a fashionable drawl: "I feel sure an artist who paints so well must be an exh bitor at the Royal academy. May I ask if I am right?"

"Quite right," said L "May I ask if you exhibit this

venr? "Yes, I have two pictures in the exhibition."

"Would you mind naming the sub-

"Vell, one is taken from the Vicar of Wakefield,' and the other"-but before I could say another word I was stopped by a loud exclamation of de light, and the gentleman broke into culogies of the picture I had not painted. I allowed him to exhaust

his admiration, and then told him that he had made a mistake, giving the "But I understood you to say that

your picture was from the 'Vicar of Wakefield.' And the second one you were so kind as to-er"-"The second," said L "was John

Knox.' and"--"Oh," exclaimed one of the ladies, 'we saw that, and thought it so beauti-

"Yes," said the gentleman, apparently delighted to find that he had seen one of my works, at any rate. 'It is indeed a charming picture. You remember how lovely we thought the dancing ladies, contrasting so admirably with the imposing figure of Knox.

ducing so great a work." "I am really sorry," said I, "but you are wrong again; the 'Knox' you describe is painted by some one else."

Sir, I must congratulate you on pro-

Again I described my own picture, and the party had to confess that they had overlooked my second contribution, to the exhibition as completely as they had the first .- Exchange.

A Heroic Struggle. "How glad you must be that your

husband has quit visiting saloons!" "Yes, indeed. He promised me when he went into business for himself that he would never go inside of a saloon again, and he has kept his word, It must be a struggle for poor George, but he bears up heroleally."

"What is his business now?" "He keeps a drug store." - thicago Tribune.

Boys in humble homes will take note or the fact that not less than four of the prominent candidates for the nomination for President were poor boys whose early life was a struggle to obtain the necessaries and comforts of life. Such facts should be an inspiration to every American boy and young man. The road to honor is wide open, and every boy of principle and coura e has his choice.

A bill has been introduced in the New York legis'ature forbidding any ralicoad company from constructing, maintaining or operating any part of is read across any land belonging to the state within the forest preserve. It has been ordered to a third reading and its passage is urged by men who have the best intere ts of the people at leart in their efforts to preserve the fore is from destruction.

The immigration statistics for 1887, just issened, show that during the year named o, so persons came to this country from Ireland, 45,605 from England, 14,864 from Sciatics, Scotland, and 5.4:9 from Wales. The Lumbago, British immigration was, therefore, 9,148 in excess of the Irish immigration, to say lation. These are not only the first nothing of the thousands of Canadians who arrived during that year.

> It is announced that an expedition is Bunions, being fitted out in Chicago having for its Corns, object to find and preserve the last of the buffalo race. It is unders ood that the noble animals in question are now roaming the boundless fields of Texas, and that there is danger, unless precautions are taken. . f the race becoming extinct.

Dr. J. C. Ayer's widow, says the New York World, is worth \$25,000,000. It must be a present comf rt to those who in days gone by forced the little bit of bitterness down their reluctant guillets to redect that if ev were contributing to the happiness o" somebody.

As the law in Colorado now stands. It gesture is also inherited. He does not would be possible for a newly arrived need to learn the use of his hands; only limitgrant to arrive in that state on May to secure muscular strength to direct 5, and vote as a citi en at the next elec-



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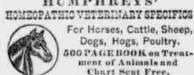


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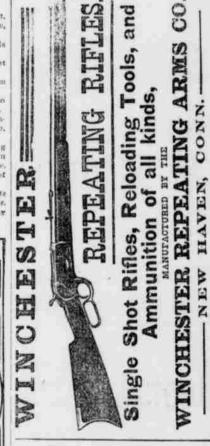
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